



As you may already know, there has recently been a major transition within all industries with emphasis on becoming eco friendly however, the general attitude amongst those affected is that it is costly in both time and financial terms.

THIS IS NOT TRUE!

Here at Diamond Waste we understand that the only way to see improved results is to change the attitudes of the consumer. Find below a few tips on how you can save money by being more environmentally friendly:

Home improvements the greener and cheaper way

1) Ensure all your light bulbs are energy efficient

You can save an average of £2.50 a year per light bulb when you switch to an energy efficient one. These energy-smart bulbs use up to 75% less energy than the incandescent ones and can last up to 10 times longer (up to seven years, in fact).

2) Use motion detector on outdoor lights

Not only will this save you money by saving energy, but it will not disturb the wildlife either.

3) Don't waste water

When washing your clothes, wash them on a reduced temperature. On top of this simply adjust your clean threshold, I mean surely your jeans can be worn at least one more time before putting them through the wash?

Set a good example. Show children how to turn off the water while they brush their teeth and take a quicker shower.

You can also install a dual flush toilet to save up to 40,000 litres of water each year!

4) Install low flow showerheads.

These cut down on water usage and save energy costs they are also a very worthwhile investment, even if you are a tenant and currently renting you can take them with you.

5) Grow your own

Growing your own vegetables, fruit and herbs is a great way to beat rising food bills. Not only will your produce be healthier as it is not processed, it contains more nutrients and vitamins and it won't have been packaged and transported hundreds of miles to get to you.

6) Chose energy efficient appliances

The more efficient your appliances, the less energy you will be using, therefore making your electric bills cheaper. There is a really useful system that rates the efficiency of each appliance/boiler from A to G (A being the most efficient).

Annual energy cost of an appliance with an efficiency rating of A (++)

Dishwasher	Less than £21.06
Fridge	Less than £15
Tumble Dryer	Less than £40.95
Washing Machine	Less than £21.06

Annual energy cost of an appliance with an efficiency rating of G

Dishwasher	More than £46.80
Fridge	More than £68.63
Tumble Dryer	More than £75.35
Washing Machine	More than £46.80

7) Make use of a thermostat

Regulate and control the temperature of your heating system by having a programmable thermostat installed. They are hugely popular due to their energy saving benefits, improved comfort, convenience and cost – effective savings. These thermostats save energy and money on utility bills by allowing residents to set home temperatures according to various different factors.

It is estimated that you can save about 3% of your heating costs for every degree you can lower your thermostat during the winter period.

8) Live by the code of the 3 Rs

Refuse, Reuse and Recycle. Keep these three things in mind whenever you buy, use or discard anything. (If relatives and in-laws don't live up this standard, the next course of action can only be up to you.)